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MULTILAYER INTERFACE IN COPPER CMP
FOR LOW K DIELECTRIC

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Enclosed is Form PTO-1449, Information Disclosure Citation
In An Application.

The following Patents and/or Publications are submitted to
comply with the duty of disclosure under CFR 1.97-1.99 and
37 CFR 1.56. Copies of each document is included herewith.

U.S. Patent 6,004,188 to Roy, "Method for Forming Copper
Damascene Structures by Using a Dual CMP Barrier Layer",
describes a method for forming copper damascene structures by
using a dual chemical mechanical polish (CMP) barrier layer.

U.S. Patent 6,010,962 to Liu et al., "Copper Chemical-Mechanical-Polishing (CMP) Dishing", discloses a Chemical-Mechanical Polish (CMP) planarizing method that avoids dishing.

U.S. Patent 5,512,163 to Warfield, "Method for Forming a Planarization Etch Stop", discloses a mechanical polishing method that uses an etch-stop layer consisting of a metal and grit material, i.e., diamond powder, over a conductive layer.

U.S. Patent 5,854,133 to Hachiya et al., "Method for Manufacturing a Semiconductor Device", discloses a chemical mechanical polish (CMP) planarizing method that utilizes a polysilicon film as an etch-stop.

Sincerely,

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